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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL
COMMITTEE

REF: USNATO 6551 (DTG 011223Z JUL 78)

1. IN PRINCIPLE, WE CONCUR IN GRANTING PORTUGUESE FULL
PARTICIPATION IN NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE (INTELLIGENCE) AND
DOWNGRADING OF INFORMAL SESSIONS. IT MUST, HOWEVER, BE
MADE CLEAR TO THE PORTUGUESE THAT THE BAN ON ACCESS
TO CTS AND ATOMAL MATERIAL CANNOT BE EASED DUE TO LACK OF
PROGRESS ON THEIR OWN PERSONNEL SECURITY BACKGROUND CHECK
PROCEDURES.

2. WE TOO ARE CONCERNED THAT PORTUGUESE LACK OF PROGRESS IN
THIS AREA NOTWITHSTANDING, THEY MAY CONCLUDE THAT WE ARE
NEVERTHELESS WILLING TO PROLONG A SERIES OF AD HOC
ARRANGEMENTS BY IN EFFECT VETTING PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVES
ON SUCH GROUPS FOR THEM. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS NOT LIKELY
TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON THE GOP TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE
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REAL ISSUE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE PORTUGUESE ON DOWNGRADING AND ADMITTANCE, THEY BE
REMINDING IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THEIR INTERNAL SECURITY
CHECK PROCEDURES REMAIN INADEQUATE.

3. ALL SOURCE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ADMIRAL CRISTINO TO
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